

GYMNOTUS ROSTRATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput operculis lateralibus.

Tentacula duo ad labium superius.

Oculi cute communi tecti.

Membrana branchiostega radiis quinque.

Corpus compressum, subtus pinna carinatum.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 144.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

GYMNOTUS rostro subulato, pinna ani cauda brevior.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 428.

GYMNOTUS varius rostro productiore.

Seb. mus. 3. t. 32. f. 5.

GYMNOTUS maxillis elongatis, &c.

Gronov. zooph. 167. *mus.* 73.

Maria Indica et Americana incolit Gymnotus rostratus, longitudine duos fere pedes æquans: color ejus rufo-flavet, maculis parvis fuscis variatus.

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THE
ROSTRATED GYMNOTUS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

- Head* furnished with lateral opercula.
- Two *Tentacula* at the upper lip.
- Eyes* covered by the common skin.
- Branchiostegous* membrane five-rayed.
- Body* compressed, and carinated by a fin beneath.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

GYMNOTUS with subulate snout, and anal fin shorter than the caudal.

Long-snouted GYMNOTUS.

The *Gymnotus rostratus* is an inhabitant of the Indian and American seas, and is nearly two feet in length: its usual colour is a pale rufous yellow, variegated with small brown spots.